

Remarks

Claims 19-22, 24-28, 30-36 and 50-113 are in the application, of which claims 19, 36, 62, 65, and 66 are in independent form. Claims 65-98 have been allowed. Claims 99-113 are presumed allowable as not being objected to in the Office action.

Telephone Interview Summary

The undersigned wishes to thank the examiner for the telephone call on December 19, 2006, during which the examiner described the basis for rejection and suggestions for overcoming the same, as set forth in the written Office action.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 19, 21, 22, 24-28, 30-34, 36, and 50-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office action asserts that “method claim 19 fails to produce a tangible result because the result of the calculating step (‘the fixed-odds price for the bet’) is not conveyed to the user or the user terminal.”

Claims 19, 36, and 62 are amended to recite the limitation of --communicating the fixed-odds price to the user--, in accordance with the examiner’s suggestion.

Conclusion

Applicant asserts that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits the same. In the event that any further issues are identified, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this Amendment. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with the filing of this response, or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-4455.

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